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Frank D. Meredith, a well known business man of Chloride, is in Kingman.

E. S. Clark, the well known Prescott attorney, arrived in Kingman this morning and will attend to important legal matters.

Mrs. David Nelson and daughter are in Los Angeles assisting in the care of Raymond Carr, Mr. Carr being the nephew of Mrs. Nelson.

The work of wiring up the Harvey House and yards of Kingman is well under way and it will be but a short time until the Santa Fe railroad at this point will be as up to date a concern as some of the other institutions of the town.

Ike Hunt, who at one time resided in the Cerbat section, is here from Colton. Mr. Hunt states that great damage was done to the orange orchards of southern California by the freeze during the holiday weeks, and that it will be a long time before that section of country will recover from the effects of the big storm.

The local lodge of Odd Fellows, through its building corporation, will soon begin the erection of its new lodge room. The building is to be a large one and will accommodate many other lodges, besides offering a new room on the ground floor for rental as a store. The building is to cost in the neighborhood of 12,000\$ and is to be either concrete or brick. The design for the building has been prepared by N. F. Marsh, one of the best known of Los Angeles architects.

Major A. J. Doran came in from Prescott last Wednesday evening and departed the following day in company of Charles Gracey for the Klondike mine. Major Doran is superintendent of the Pioneer Home at Prescott, and a well known mining man. Everybody that knows Jim Doran is his friend, as he has not an enemy in the world. We hope to see him retained in the position he now holds until a bigger and better home is built for the old time boys for him to preside over.

The Western Railway of Arizona is carrying the full capacity of its little engine these days. Every day this week the train to Chloride and way stations have been composed of from five to seven cars, all loaded with supplies for the camps and mines. The return trains have been bringing out from three to five cars of ore billed to the smelters. The Golconda mine is shipping one big car of ore daily while the Tennessee is shipping about forty tons daily to Needles. Other mines are also shipping ore, giving the railroad a splendid business. Passenger travel has also largely increased on this road.

Last evening a meeting of the business men of Kingman was held at the Beale parlors and the matter of entertaining Prof. Tolman of the University of Arizona was taken up and discussed. A. J. McKelvey, who has taken great interest in bringing Mr. Tolman to Kingman, stated the object of the meeting and E. F. Thompson was elected chairman. After discussing the subject a committee composed of A. E. Ware, S. T. Elliott and Anson H. Smith was appointed to provide funds for the entertainment of the visitor. The plan was to take Prof. Tolman to all the principal mines of the county and have him lecture at Kingman and Chloride, the Kingman lecture to be held on the evening of next Tuesday, if possible, and at Chloride Thursday night.

Elks Will Entertain.

Next Friday evening the local lodge of Elks will entertain its brothers and friends in the lodge room and Opera House, invitations having been sent out to a large number of friends. All Elks are invited and no invitations will be sent them. Therefore, when an Elk from another lodge does not receive an invitation he will remember that he will be in the same class with the local member, the invitations only going to non-members of the order.

The Loyal Order of Moose.

A lodge of this order was instituted in Kingman last Sunday with over 100 members composed of some of the best citizens of Kingman, Goldroads and Oatman.

State Organizer A. C. McKeen states he has over 50 new members to be initiated at Elks Hall Sunday afternoon at one o'clock. The Moose is a social, beneficiary order that pays a sick and accident benefit of seven dollars per week, and a funeral benefit of one hundred dollars, and provides free medical attendance for the members and their families.

The Moose have a ladies night once each month when your wives, sisters and sweethearts may enjoy a pleasant evening.

The Supreme Lodge is now building a 250,000\$ National Moose school where the sons and daughters of the members may be educated free. 100,000\$ is being spent to build a home for aged and infirm Moose, and their widows and orphans. There are now over 1000 Moose lodges, with a membership of over 800,000.

Now is the time to join the Moose. Charter membership fee is 5\$; when charter closes the fee will be not less than 25\$. Dues are 75c. per month and no more. The last meeting at which you can become a charter member will be held in Elks Hall Sunday afternoon, January 21st, at one o'clock. You are invited to join.

A. C. MCKEEN,
State Organizer.

Taxation of Land Grant Lands.

The Circuit Court of Montana, in refusing to enjoin the tax collector of one of the counties of that state, from the collection of taxes on the lands granted to the Northern Pacific railroad, laid down the rule that the U. S. courts could not interfere with the taxing power of a state and that the lands of the corporation were subject to taxation whenever the lands granted were available. Under this rule the entire grant of the Santa Fe in Arizona would be available for purposes of taxation.

This theory is not a new one, having been advocated by many able lawyers for years. When lands are granted to railroads they immediately become available, as witness the mortgaging of the lands to trust corporations in furtherance of the building of the railroad, and it was primarily for this purpose that the lands were granted by the congress. And whenever available as a pledge these lands must be available for other purposes, especially that of taxation. The Mercantile Trust Company of New York holds a mortgage on an immense acreage of the Santa Fe land grant in the Walapai valley, and certainly the lands or the mortgage is subject to taxation within the territory of Arizona. Mohave county needs the money for internal improvements and it is now time that the lands and the big mortgages are subjected to the payment of tax.

Carrow-Prather Wedding.

Last Sunday afternoon Ed. M. Carrow and Maude Prather were united in the holy bonds of wedlock, Rev. Fr. Vabre of the Catholic church performing the ceremony. The wedding was a quiet one, only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties being present at the home of the groom's parents.

The happy couple departed to Los Angeles on the afternoon train, where they will spend the honeymoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Carrow are well known to all the people of the county and many are the wishes that go with them for a long and happy married life.

Card of Thanks.

To the many kind friends that so nobly came to our assistance in the suppression of the fire in our store and the rescue of Raymond Carr from the wreckage, last Monday night, we owe our heartfelt thanks. That the fire was quenched in its incipency was due to their quick and heroic action and presence of mind, and these, one and all, will ever live in our minds and hearts.

Arizona Stores Company
E. A. SHAW.
J. H. KNIGHT.
W. K. RIDENOUR.

Terrible Accident.

Last Monday night, about 10:30, the people were startled by a terrific explosion that shook the buildings and lead them to believe that one of the big locomotives in the railroad yards had blown up. Almost instantly following the explosion came a cry of fire and everybody rushed from their homes to see what had happened. It was soon apparent that the fire was in the store of the Arizona Stores Company and that Raymond Carr, one of the heavy stockholders was somewhere in the building. The front doors of the building were broken open and a search party found Mr. Carr lying near the front of the new addition to the building bruised, bleeding and suffering fearful pain. His cries had attracted the searchers, but his first words to them was to leave him alone and put out the fire. A bucket brigade and the hose in the rear of the building soon had the fire out, and examination showed that a great hole had been torn through the floor of the building, entirely wrecking the office and lifting the ceiling and roof out of place. The plate glass front of the building was blown out and many of the show cases were broken. The sidewalk in front of the building was a littered mass of broken glass. The force of the explosion was erratic, some of the glass in the show cases being intact, while the next glass was broken to atoms. The office desk was broken into matchwood and the papers and books torn into shreds. Mr. Carr, who was standing outside the desk when the explosion came was thrown against the ceiling and fell a short distance from where he originally stood. On the wood work, where the iron ceiling had been was a large splotch of blood showing that he had been blown up after the ceiling had been torn off. His leg was broken above the ankle, his nose smashed out of all semblance and slivers of wood driven into the wounds. His face was badly cut and fine slivers and dust blown into his mouth, tearing the palate. He was terribly injured and was at once rushed to the office of Dr. A. L. Tilton, where he and Dr. Bucher worked over him several hours extracting splinters of wood and making him comfortable. He was taken to the California hospital the following evening, relatives and Dr. Bucher accompanying him.

From the members of the Arizona Stores company we are informed that no powder had been stored in the basement of the building and from what case came the explosion they are as much in the dark as anybody. On the outside of the office was stored many boxes of shotgun shells, and these had fallen into the basement when the explosion occurred. At the time of the explosion Mr. Carr had a shotgun in his hands and the gun was either fired before or immediately after the explosion.

When the debris was cleared from the basement no sign of the effect of the explosion was to be found on the floor, the entire force having been upward.

The store was having an addition built on, covering the entire space from street to alley and this part was being completed and the rear wall of the old building was being torn out, leaving the building somewhat open. Mr. Carr volunteered to stay in the building during the night and had built a fire in the office stove and was preparing to go to bed when the accident occurred. Had it not been for the prompt action of those first on the ground it is probable that the building would have been gutted by fire. As it was the loss from that source was light and was covered by insurance.

The managers of the company are young and verile men and will soon have things set to right and doing business on a more extensive scale than ever.

A wire from Los Angeles last night conveyed the information that Mr. Carr was getting along nicely and will have few disfiguring marks to remind him of his terrible experience. His many friends in this and Yavapai county will wish him a speedy recovery.

We hope that when our legislators meet at Phenix this spring they will pass a law levying a tax on dogs. Kingman is overrun with many many curs that should be gotten rid of, and when the tax gather gets a line on these curs there will or ought to be something doing.

MARSH & JACKSON

Announce that they will Open their

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About January 20th.

Prof. Tolman's Lecture.

Prof. Tolman, head of the mining and engineering department of the University of Arizona, will be in Kingman next Wednesday and will deliver an illustrated lecture in Elks Opera House in the evening, to which lecture everybody is invited. Prof. Tolman is one of the most interesting lecturers in the field and has his subject well in hand. He is thorough in mining and engineering work and illustrates his subjects in a way that they can be understood by the average mind.

His services as a lecturer are much sought after by the general public interested in geology and mineralogy, as well as the subject of general mining engineering.

He will visit the mines of Gold Road and Tom Reed during his stay and will deliver a lecture at Chloride Thursday night.

This will be the first visit of a representative of the University since its establishment at Tucson to Mohave county, and is indicative of the growing interest in this section of representatives of our educational institutions, as well as mining men in general.

Don't forget the night, and let everybody come out and greet the professor with a crowded house. You will learn something that will be of benefit to you in the mining field.

Arizona Development Board.

The Arizona Development Board has drafted a bill for a state Bureau of Immigration that is to be introduced at the first meeting of the new State Legislature. The bill covers the whole subject of state publicity and is to be composed of seven members to be appointed by the governor, the governor to be one of the members and chairman of the board and are to serve without compensation. This board is not to interfere in any way with the local county immigration commissioners. The board is to expend not more than 5,000\$ each year for advertising or promoting the resources of the state.

We believe such a board would be of great advantage to the new state, unless it passed into the hands of promoters that could not see above the level of the Salt River valley, in which event it would be only an incumbrance to other parts of the state. With the membership distributed throughout the state of Arizona we believe the success of such a commission would be assured.

Do You Want a Well Drilled?

W. W. Gates, the well known well driller, has his rig in Kingman and will remain here about thirty days longer. If you want a well drilled, now is the time to have the work done, as the rig will be removed to another place outside the county soon. Apply to Mr. Gates, at the Brunswick.

It is understood that the Calumet & Arizona Copper company has secured the approval of the Secretary of the Interior of a plan to place a dam in the Colorado river near Bulls Head. Power is to be taken from this dam through San Francisco district and on to the McCracken mine, where a great plant will be erected to work the big lead property. Just how much truth there is in the story we are unable to state, but there certainly is a project on foot to dam the river and generate thousands of horsepower for use throughout the mines. The head of the power project is in San Francisco and has the backing of some big corporation.

The new drugstore of Marsh & Jackson is fast getting in shape and will probably be opened to the public this evening. They have put in attractive furnishings and will have a neat and tidy little place.

Constipation is the cause of many ailments and disorders that make life miserable. Take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, keep your bowels regular and you will avoid these diseases. For sale by all dealers.

Kingman M. E. Church.

CLYDE W. DEMING, Pastor.

10:30 a. m., Sunday School.

D. T. PRICE, Supt.

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